

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Leonard Gruby, and we are richer because Leonard lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Leonard was born January 22, 1933, in Day county, South Dakota, to August and Verna Gruba. He grew up in the area of Grenville, South Dakota, where he attended grade school; and,

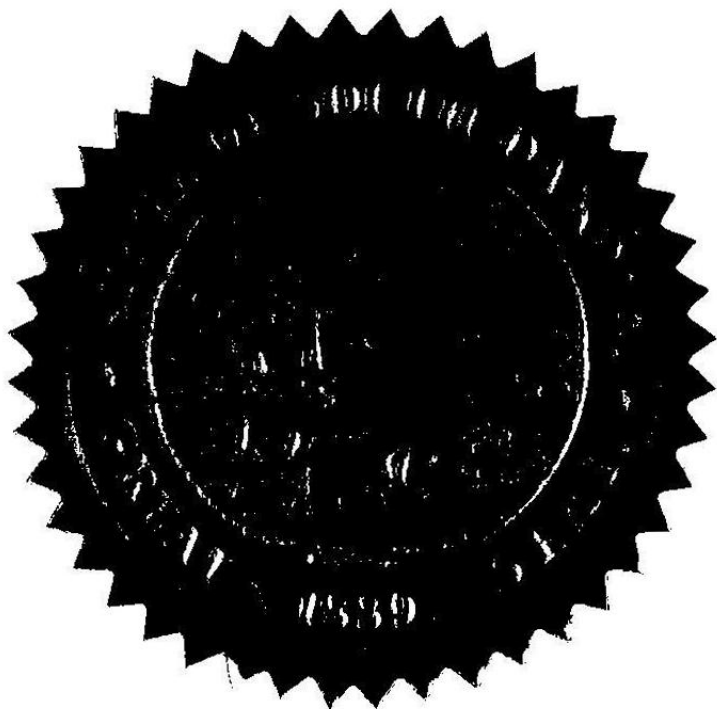
Whereas, Leonard married Virginia Soldatke on June 8, 1954, and to that union six children were born, who further blessed their lives with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Leonard resides in Eden, South Dakota, and will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2013, as

LEONARD GRUBY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K. Miller / Deputy
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State